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April 24, 2009

Hon. Frank A. LoBiondo  
Member of Congress  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515-3002

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

I am writing in support of New Bridge Road Bridge over Alloways Creek project in Lower Alloways Creek Township, submitted by Salem County for consideration as a High Priority Project in the upcoming reauthorization of SAFETEA – LU. The bridge crossing along New Bridge Road (CR No. 623), at MP 5.37, is in need for replacement and has been closed for over five (5) years. The Bridge was closed in September 2003 due to its low structural ratings. Numerous structural elements of the bridge have nearly 100% section loss.

The substructure has wide cracks in the abutment aprons. There is also a large scour under the center pier due to waterway constriction and high current velocity. The extensively deteriorated condition of the existing structure precludes rehabilitation of the existing structure to a serviceable condition. Salem County is seeking \$4,075,000 in federal funding for the project, and is confident that if funded, it can be constructed within five years.

**The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization fully supports the New Bridge Road Bridge over Alloways Creek project.**

**Should this project be included in the SAFETEA – LU reauthorization, all of our public involvement procedures for the Transportation Improvement Program will be maintained, including formal public notice, website posting, and presentation at an open public meeting.**

**No other federal, State, local, or private funding sources are anticipated to be used to advance this project.**

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical project, and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy G. Chelius". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Timothy G. Chelius, P.P., AICP  
Executive Director

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Cc: Hon. Lee Ware, Director, Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders